

Quilon, it is given out that only 2,000 or 3000 sacks are available in the stock. That is absurd. Such statements made by interested parties may be discountenanced and I assure honourable members that the figures that we have got here are figures in relation to the actual import.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : I may inform honourable members of this House that we have got a stock of 10,660 bags in the Chalai bazaar today.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapally, Kartikapally and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai*) : But they are hardly available to the people.

President : They are available for sale. If they with hold the stock, action will be taken under the law.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : I wish to know what steps are going to be taken by Government, regarding the stocks kept by the capitalists in the mofusil.

President : If it be necessary the private parties will have to be forced to bring out the stock. Necessary action will be taken, but the time has not yet come and I hope the time will never come for the confiscation by Government of stocks kept by private parties.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Will the Government be pleased to tell how much quantity is available in the country ?

President : Government have the figures, but it is not in the public interest to divulge it now. There is no cause for alarm at all.

DEMAND—POLICE.

President : മി. തൃപ്പൻ നമ്പൂരിപ്പാടിന് ഒരു മിനിട്ടു സമയമേ പ്രശ്നം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതായി അനുഭവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളൂ, ഡിമാൻറിനുള്ള സമയം വളരെ കുറച്ചേയുള്ളൂ. ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ജനറലിന് മറുപടി പറയുവാനുള്ള സമയം കൊടുക്കേണ്ടിയുമിരിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. C. N. Thuppan Nambudiripad : (*Travancore jennies* സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ അനുക്രമിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് രണ്ടു വാക്കു പറയണമെന്നു ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന്റെ ഭരണം ഇന്നു ഏറ്റവും തൃപ്തികരമായ നിലയിലാണ് നടക്കുന്നതെന്നു പറയുവാൻ എനിക്കു സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ പോലീസിനെപ്പറ്റി മഹാത്മാഗാന്ധി മുതലായ മഹാത്മാർക്കു ഏറെ പ്രശംസകളുണ്ട്. പോലീസിന്റെ ശരിയായ ചുമതല സമാധാനപാലനമാണ്. രാജ്യത്തു സമാധാനമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മാത്രമേ പ്രജകൾക്കു ക്ഷേമം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. രാത്രിയിൽ ഭയംകൂടാതെ കിടന്നുറങ്ങുന്നതു പോലീസിന്റെ രക്ഷയെ ആശ്രയിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു മാത്രമാണ്. ആ ചുമതല ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകാർ ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതും ഈ

[Mr. C. N. Thuppan Nambudiripad]

അവസത്തിൽ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊള്ളട്ടെ. എന്നാൽ അവരുടെ ജോലി നിർവഹണത്തിനുള്ള ഉൾജ്ജ്വലമായ അർപ്പം അയവു സംഭവിച്ചേക്കാമോ എന്നു ഞാൻ ഭയപ്പെടുന്നു. ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ജനറൽ വളരെ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കാനിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു ഭരണം നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും കൂടി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിനു വേണ്ടതരത്തിൽ പ്രോത്സാഹനം കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ഇന്നു പോലീസ് കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാർക്കു ഏറ്റവും തുച്ഛമായ ഒരു ശമ്പളമാണുള്ളത്. കൊച്ചിയിൽ ഇതിൽ കൂടുതൽ സംഖ്യ ശമ്പളമായി കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. മറ്റു രാജ്യങ്ങളിലുള്ള കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാർക്കും കൂടുതൽ ശമ്പളമുണ്ട്. ഈ ക്ഷാമകാലത്തു ഈ തുച്ഛമായ ശമ്പളം ഉപജീവനത്തിനു ഒട്ടും മതിയാകുന്നതല്ല. അവരുടെ ജോലിക്കു ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കാനിരുന്ന ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ അവരുടെ വയറ്റിൽ കൂടി എന്തെങ്കിലും ചെല്ലണം. അതുകൊണ്ടു പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന്റെ കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാർക്കു കുറഞ്ഞപക്ഷം ൨൦ രൂപയെങ്കിലും ശമ്പളമാക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്താൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു ഭരണം കഠിനമായി ഉൾജ്ജ്വലമായും വേണ്ടവിധം ജനങ്ങൾക്കു സമാധാനം നൽകുന്നതിനു ഉതകത്തക്ക നിലയിലും ആയിത്തീരും. മറ്റുള്ള ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ച് കൂടുതൽ ശ്രദ്ധയോടു കൂടിയും ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം വഹിച്ചും പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ നടത്തേണ്ട ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റാണു പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റ്; അനേകം സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ മോഷണങ്ങൾ, അക്രമങ്ങൾ മുതലായവയൊക്കെ രഖപൊക്കിത്തുടങ്ങിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇവയെല്ലാം ഫലപ്രദമായി തടയുന്നതിന്നു ഇവർക്കു ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമാകുന്നു. ഈ ഒരു കാര്യം ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെയും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന്റേയും ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപ്പെടുത്തിക്കൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ അനുകൂലിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : Sir, I am very grateful to the House for the solid support given to my Demand with one exception which was not altogether unexpected. Coming to brass tacks, I find that some honourable members like Mr. Kuripe and Mr. Chandy Mukkadan expressed some anxiety about my rumoured departure. The former Dewan and the present Dewan President have silenced those rumours by their pronouncements. I have also heard these rumours and I have heard something more--that the only man who liked me, who was the former Dewan has gone and that the present Dewan does not like me, that the Police do not like me.

President : Order, order. You may pass on.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Well, I am *not* going. I am going to be your servant and slave. I am going to be where 'my master' has placed me. Even if I am not going to remain as a Policeman, I shall remain here still as a leper worker. I am going to pass the rest of my life here and I want my bones to be interned in your soil. I like it. I am essentially a mystic man and I have a special significance for the service I am doing here. For generations we have been living upon the charity and the munificence and the endowment given by a Hindu Rane, the Mangamma Rane, and in the afternoon of my life God feeds me and my children through a Hindu Maharaja and I should like to be fed by him. I see the unseen hand of God in this scheme of things and so it is I am going to be your servant and slave so long as my limbs permit me.

There was a charge against me, a grave charge that in the so-called political meetings I addressed, I lectured on loyalty, discouraged and imputed disloyalty and so on. The honourable Mr. Balakrishnan Tampi spoke on the subject. His speech at the general discussion of the Budget was divided into two, one in the first Session before lunch and the other in the after-lunch Session. He did not mention any personalities then. As soon as he finished the first part, I met him in the outer hall at 1.10 and asked him whom he referred to: At first he did not give a reply but later, with some hesitation, he said 'the former Dewan.'

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I want to give a personal explanation. First of all, I object to the Government making a pronouncement regarding the autography of a Mussalman from Trichinopoly and secondly his dragging me into discussion. I admit what he says. He met me and asked with a threat whom I referred to. I said 'You and your so-called master Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar'. I mentioned both the names.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Not at all. I expected when he resumed his speech in the afternoon that he would mention names. Well Sir, I know why he brought me into the picture. Curiously enough just before the sessions, this honourable gentleman comes to me with some representation year after year, but I turn them down.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I do not expect a high standard of behaviour from him.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Neither do I from him.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: This sort of Billings gate should not be allowed to go on.

President: Order, order. I would like very much that honourable members do not have any exchange of personal observations like that. Mr. Karim will kindly proceed with the subject.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : I can only assure that I have not made any such statements. If anybody can produce any one instance, I am prepared to resign my job. I have got the highest regard for the Travancoreans, their loyalty and their patriotism and all that stands for. I have some personal friends among the State Congressites. They are good, perfect gentlemen. But there are many who when it comes to the question of going to Jail hide themselves.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : This kind of thing should not be allowed. I cannot educate him.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : Let him go to school.

President : Order, order. The honourable member will proceed.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : There was a reference to the Police Club. Let me give its history. I am not the originator of the idea. The idea came from Mr. Bishop. In the year 1931 he tried to put the idea into actuality. A little later he left the State. After he left, the idea and the question languished and were in a state of suspended animation. When I came, I took up the idea. But my idea was that it should not be merely a Club for the higher officers, but that there should be something for the lower men.

When I visit the Stations I find that my Constables are heavily indebted and they are in the hands of the money-lenders. They are not able to educate their grown up children. Though they could give elementary education, they could not give their children higher education. Therefore I thought that I must have some funds which should go to the help of these subordinates. It needed more money than I could collect from the Force. I had before me the example of the effort made by the late Commissioner of Police Mr. L. A. Bishop and his failure. I did not want to go to Government for financial help. I knew that the hands of the Government were fettered. Somebody told me that there are Policemen who can act on the stage. I thought here is a good idea. We know that in Madras, the Madras Secretariat has a dramatic Club. They have raised lakhs of rupees from all over India for helping institutions like the Ramakrishna Mission and several other social institutions. So I went up to the Government and took their sanction for sending out a dramatic troupe. There is no dishonesty or immorality in the action. I sent an Officer of the rank of A. I. G. to be with the troupe. I said that not a pie which does not come to us through the sale of tickets should be taken. As a matter of fact Mr. Tangal Kunju Musaliar and Mr. Makkar Pillai sent Rs. 200 and Rs. 100 each as donation. I immediately returned the same saying that I am not going to accept them. I ruled that only money which came through the sale of tickets need be received. So the money has come to me—about Rs. 30,000. I am

not going to spend much on the Club. My idea is to have a Club, library and a reading room—some attempt to bring the Police and the public together. There is so much of resentment between the Police and the public. So the Club idea was for the purpose of establishing good relations between the Police and the public. Then I am going to invest a big amount of money towards the amelioration of the lower ranks.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know whether there are Clubs like that in other places?

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : Yes, there are. In the Tinnevely District, there is the Hamilton Club and in Madura there is the Ramanujam Club. We have got it in Madras and everywhere. It is thus that this idea came.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : Are not those Clubs started in those places in memory of some persons who have done some service to the country?

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : Yes, the Hamilton Club goes after the name of Mr. Hamilton who was D. S. P. there and the Ramanujam Club is named after the name of Mr. Ramanujam who was the D. S. P. of that District. Here also some of my admirers in the Force who formed the Committee wanted to have the name after me. They counted without the host. They came up to me, but I declined. I did not think that I am worthy of it. I am an insignificant man. Why do they want a memorial after my name?

There is an interesting story handed down among the Sameritans for over 22 centuries. Alexander the Great, in a moment of anger, ordered the Sameritans that his statues should be raised all over Sameria. This was in violation of the Mosaic Law against graven images. Years after, when he went round there, there was no statue at all. So he called for the High Priest.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : As the time for the Demand is up, I want to make a personal explanation.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : Let me finish. I am winding up. He did not find the statue because the Mosaic Law does not believe in images. The Emperor asked "where are they"? "Your Lordship's commands have been carried out" said the High Priest, and he raised his voice and cried "Alexander". Before Alexander the Great, a number of young men came up. He asked "where is my statue"? and the answer came "these are the living statues, they are living in our hearts". I do not believe in these things. I am an insignificant man, why do I need a memorial. If due to my efforts on behalf of these Police-men, their young boys or girls are educated then I shall consider that as a great achievement. I do not want the Club to be named after me.

President : What about the increase in crimes?

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : Now I come to the increase of crimes. I admit there has been an increase in the number of crimes. But all the same the honourable member Mr. Tampi who referred to this did not quote the other part where the Government have paid me compliments. There has been an increase. I have got the figures of Tinnevely, Ramnad, Madura, Coimbatore and all the Districts and in fact of all the Provinces in India and there has been an abnormal increase all over India. For that matter, I have got the figures of Ceylon also.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether these are Marvadis or criminals in Travancore just as in British India?

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : No, Sir. As a matter of fact, our crimes are simple crimes. We have shown the figures for dacoities etc. When we look to the chart we see that there are three dacoities. They are technical ones. There are technical robberies. They are not at all organised dacoities or robberies as in the neighbouring districts. I know the people are peaceful here. I have got great admiration for your people. The increase in crime is due to war, scarcity of food and other reasons. But the way to judge it is not as said by the honourable member how was this crime tackled? If you turn to page 17 of the Administration Report of the Department, it will be found that there is increase in the detection. The peak figure was reached last year. Ninety-three per cent of the grave crimes were detected. It includes murder, dacoity and robbery and even in the ordinary crimes we have reached almost the last year's figure. The real test about the working of the Police Administration is to know how far the Department succeeded in detection and prevention. Here I want to bring another fact to the notice of the House. I do not believe in hushing up cases. There has been a tendency among the officers here to hush up cases if they are not likely to be detected.

President : The time for the Demand is over.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : Sir, about my personal explanation, I have asked for time.

President : The time for the Demand is over.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : I must reply. He said I went to him with representations. I do not want to call it a lie, because it is not parliamentary.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : If he is allowed to talk, I must also have my say.

Mr. Kochikal P. Baiakrishnan Tampi : I have never gone to him.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : He has come to me several times.

President : Order, order. The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 9,82,357 under Demand XVI—Police.

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

President : I wish that honourable members of the House, without meaning any disparagement, will observe complete decorum.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : I am prepared to shake hands with him.

(Mr. Abdul Karim Sahib then went near Mr. Tampi's seat and shook hands with him).

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai : Sir, I may be permitted to bring to your notice that these demonstrations should not be permitted. I am supposed to be the officer concerned in pointing out these facts to the Chair.

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : There should not be any bad blood between us.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai : These demonstrations should not be permitted inside the House.

President : I pass over this time. I hope honourable members will realise the significance of what I say.

DEMAND XVII—PORTS.

Mr. K. Kunjan Pillai : Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 21,870 under Demand XVII—Ports.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 21,870 under Demand XVII—Ports was put and carried.

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : Sir, I move that demands XVIII & XIX may be taken together.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : I second it.

DEMAND XVIII EDUCATION GOVERNMENT GRANT TO THE TRAVANCORE UNIVERSITY & DEMAND XIX—EDUCATION EXCLUDING GRANT TO THE UNIVERSITY.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (Pro-Vice-Chancellor) : Sir, I beg to move that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 8,50,000 under Demand XVIII—Education—Government grant to the Travancore University.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 43,93,506 under Demand XIX—Education excluding grant to the University.